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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SHAPED ARTICLE OF ALUMINUM ALLOY, SHAPED  
ALUMINUM ALLOY ARTICLE AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Office Action issued November 10, 2008 in Japanese Application No. 2004-365606).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English-language abstracts and machine translations are being submitted for JP 11-335767 and JP 2003-053468, which constitute a concise statement of relevance for these documents.

WO 01/77398 and JP 2000-265232 are also cited in the Japanese Office Action. These documents were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 15, 2006. Thus, copies are not being submitted at this time.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

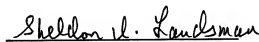
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